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HOUSE RESOLUTION 355  
By Newton

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carolyn Smith on her selection as a Distinguished Classroom Teacher by the Tennessee Education Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Smith is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, she has recently been selected as a Distinguished Classroom Teacher by the Tennessee Education Association, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she was nominated by the Polk County Education Association for this prestigious honor, which recognizes Ms. Smith's remarkable teaching methods, professional leadership skills, community activities and her impeccable character; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure, Ms. Smith has primarily taught French and English, but she has also taught Health, Art, Choral Music, Latin and Applied Communications at various times; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has contributed significantly to the professional development at Copper Basin High School through various means, including helping to implement the block schedule, serving on the school's Curriculum Committee and organizing a School Career Day; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to education extends beyond the classroom as Ms. Smith has worked with the Distance Learning Program and other professional organizations; she also has served as a Grant Writer for the Tennessee Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Smith truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Smith participates in numerous civic organizations, including the Polk County Library Board and the National Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, a person of deep conviction, Ms. Smith is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Copperhill, where she serves as a Sunday School Teacher, Worship Chairperson, Administrative Council Chairperson and as the Choir Director; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Smith truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor

and congratulate Carolyn Smith on being chosen as a Distinguished Classroom Teacher by the Tennessee Education Association, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.